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SUBJECT: LICENSING FOR NUCLEAR MATERIALS

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1. MISSION RECEIVED LETTER ON MAY 27 FROM EURATOM SUPPLY AGENCY OUTLINING INFORMATION PROVIDED BY NUCLEAR MATERIALS SHIPPING AGENTS WHICH SUMMARIZED STATUS OF EXPORT LICENSES PENDING BEFORE NRC. (COPY BEING AIR MAILED TO ADDRESSES.) IN RELATED MEETING BETWEEN MISSION AND SUPPLY AGENCY, THEY ADMITTED DATA IS DIFFICULT TO ASSESS. CRITICAL ITEM IN PENDING EXPORT LICENSES APPEARS TO BE ABOUT 200 KGS OF 93 PERCENT U-235 FOR DELIVERY TO NUKEM (UNDER ERDA CONTRACTS EU 137, 139 AND 141) TO MANUFACTURE FUEL FOR AVR AND THTR PROJECTS. FURTHER ASSESSMENT OF THE CORRESPONDENCE FROM THE SUPPLY AGENCY AND OUR DISCUSSION WITH THEM IS BEING PREPARED.

2. THE SUPPLY AGENCY IS INFORMED BY NUKEM THAT RESUPPLY OF THEIR EXISTING WORKING STOCK IS REQUIRED BY MID-JUNE OR IT WILL RESULT IN CURTAILMENT OF MANUFACTURING OPERATIONS AND POSSIBLE REDUCTION IN WORK FORCE. IF THIS OCCURRED IT COULD

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HAVE POLITICAL OVERTONES AND ECONOMIC CONSEQUENCES WELL WORTH

AVOIDING.

3. BASED ON RECENT REVIEW OF THE LICENSING SITUATION WITH
EC COMMISSION VICE PRESIDENT SIMONET IN WASHINGTON, THE SCENE
IN BRUSSELS IS REASONABLY CALM BUT COULD ERUPT AGAIN IF THERE
IS NOT SOME MOVEMENT IN APPROVING EXPORT LICENSES IN ONE OR
TWO MORE WEEKS. MISSION AGREED TO PROVIDE SUPPLY AGENCY
WITH LATEST READING ON NRC ACTION ON PENDING EXPORT LICENSES,
AND PARTICULARLY THOSE FOR HIGH ENRICHED URANIUM TO GERMANY,
AT EARLIEST POSSIBLE DATE. GREENWALD

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